



Letter to the Editor

Fatal snake bite

Editor I read the recent publication on fatal snake bite in India with great interest.¹ Chattopadhyay et al. concluded that “Majority of the incidences occurred during the monsoons and during day time.”¹ Indeed, this report repeated the already known epidemiology in this area of India.² In addition, the described pattern is similar to many other tropical monsoon countries such as Thailand.³ An interesting point is despite the increased improvement and development of the cities the fatal cases due to snake bite are still detectable without any change of epidemiological pattern. In an easy word, snake is still an animal which might have no adaptation in its behavior corresponding to the civilization. Finally, a table showing the profile of fatal snake bite cases from several tropical countries is hereby presented as a referencing information (Table 1).

Table 1
Profile of fatal snake bite cases from several tropical countries.

Publications	Country	Year	Details
Chattopadhyay and Sukul ¹	India	2011	occur during the monsoon periods and during day time, male preference, age group 21–30 years
Hati et al ²	India	1992	occur during the monsoon period (July and August), male preference, age group 21–30 years
Pochanugool et al ³	Thailand	1998	occur during the monsoon period, male preference
Looareesuwan et al ⁴	Thailand	1988	occur during the monsoon period, male preference
Benítez et al ⁵	Venezuela	2007	occur during the monsoon period, male preference, age group 55–70 years

Conflict of interest

None declared.

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